

AGENDA



Thursday, October 11, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 33**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY, INC., Austin, TX for 138kV bushings in an amount not to exceed \$197,006.88.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Dolores Castillo, 512/322-6466

Purchasing Language: Sole Source

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in accordance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide Austin Energy (AE) with 12 ABB manufactured, 138kV bushings which will be installed on large power transformers at the Patton Lane Substation and the Austrop Substation. The units for Austrop Substation are replacement of the original bushings which have deteriorated beyond their useful life. The units for the Patton Lane Substation are required due to an upgrade of the external current transformer to a longer unit which requires the bushings to be longer. Bushings are a critical component of AE's substation class power transformers, since these bushings provide the interface between the high-voltage transmission lines and the transformers.

ABB is the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the bushings being purchased and Power Supply Inc. is the authorized distributor and representative for ABB bushings to the City of Austin. Only ABB bushings are used throughout the AE system for this type of application.